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LETTER DATED 4 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for the purpose of surveillance and provocation continued during the period 24 February to 2 March 1993.

24 February 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Khidr, Amarah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

- At 1209 hours on 24 February 1993, a United States TR-1 aircraft carried out hostile reconnaissance in the southern region at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It left Iraqi airspace at 1428 hours on the same day.

25 February 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 7,500 metres, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred on Basrah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Julaybah, Ushbayjah, Qala't Salih and Busayyah.

26 February 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Basrah, Artawi, Julaybah, Khidr, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman and Rumaythah.

27 February 1993

(a) Northern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 9,000 metres, centred on Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Jalibah and Busayyah. At 1225 hours on 27 February 1993, a United States TR-1 aircraft carried out hostile reconnaissance in the southern region at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It left Iraqi airspace at 1500 hours on the same day.

28 February 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Basrah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qala't Salih, Amarah, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Shatrah, Qurnah and Khidr.

1 March 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qala't Salih, Basrah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

2 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitude of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Amarah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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